WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for connecting a wireless handset to a wireline switch in an integrated wireline/wireless telecommunications network having a plurality of access controllers and wireline switches, each of the access controllers being coupled to at least one of the wireline switches, the method comprising:

receiving identification of a subscriber in response to a call attempt;

determining a preferred connection between the wireless handset and one of the plurality of wireline switches based on predetermined data associated with the subscriber; and

connecting the wireless handset to one of the plurality of wireline switches based on the preferred connection so as to complete the call attempt.

2. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein each of the access controllers includes a plurality of physical ports for terminating connections between the access controller and associated wireline switches and wherein determining the preferred connection includes determining a preferred wireline switch from the plurality of wireline switches and a connection port from the plurality of physical ports based on the predetermined data.

3. The method as recited in claim 2 wherein determining the preferred wireline switch comprises:

receiving the identification of the subscriber from one of the wireline switches in response to a call delivery attempt to the wireless handset; and

determining a home wireline switch associated with the wireless handset from the plurality of wireline switches based on the predetermined data.

4. The method as recited in claim 2 wherein determining the preferred wireline switch comprises:

receiving the identification of the subscriber from one of the access controllers in response to a call origination attempt by the wireless handset; and

determining at least one wireline switch from a subset of the plurality of wireline switches based on predetermined communications traffic data, the subset corresponding to the wireline switches actually coupled to the one of the access controllers.

5. The method as recited in claim 2 wherein determining the connection port includes determining a plurality of preferred ports from the plurality of physical ports based on the predetermined data, the plurality of preferred ports being a subset of the plurality of physical ports and having common line-side features associated therewith.

6. The method as recited in claim 5 wherein each of the physical ports have one of a busy status and an idle status and wherein determining the connection port from the plurality of preferred ports includes determining the status of each of the plurality of preferred ports.

7. A system for connecting a wireless handset to a wireline switch in an integrated wireline/wireless telecommunications network having a plurality of access controllers and wireline switches, each of the access controllers being coupled to at least one of the wireline switches, the system comprising:

a wireless service processor operative to receive identification of a subscriber in response to a call attempt and determine a preferred connection

between the wireless handset and one of the plurality of wireline switches based on predetermined data associated with the subscriber; and

the access controller for connecting the wireless handset to one of the plurality of wireline switches based on the preferred connection so as to complete the call attempt.

8. The system as recited in claim 7 wherein each of the access controllers includes a plurality of physical ports for terminating connections between the access controller and associated wireline switches and wherein the wireless service processor, in determining the preferred connection, is further operative to determine a preferred wireline switch from the plurality of wireline switches and a connection port from the plurality of physical ports based on the predetermined data.

9. The system as recited in claim 8 wherein the wireless service processor, in determining the preferred wireline switch, is further operative to receive the identification of the subscriber from one of the wireline switches in response to a call delivery attempt to the wireless handset and determine a home wireline switch associated with the wireless handset from the plurality of wireline switches based on the predetermined data.

10. The system as recited in claim 8 wherein the wireless service processor, in determining the preferred wireline switch, is further operative to receive the identification of the subscriber from one of the access controllers in response to a call origination attempt by the wireless handset and determine at least one wireline switch from a subset of the plurality of wireline switches based on

predetermined communications traffic data, the subset corresponding to the wireline switches actually coupled to the one of the access controllers.

11. The system as recited in claim 8 wherein the wireless service processor, in determining the connection port, is further operative to determine a plurality of preferred ports from the plurality of physical ports based on the predetermined data, the plurality of preferred ports being a subset of the plurality of physical ports and having common line-side features associated therewith.

12. The system as recited in claim 11 wherein each of the physical ports have one of a busy status and an idle status and wherein the access controller, in connecting the wireless handset to one of the plurality of wireline switches, is further operative to determine the status of each of the plurality of preferred ports.